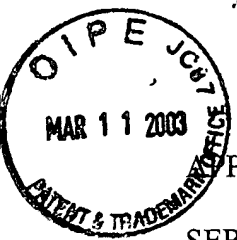


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121**

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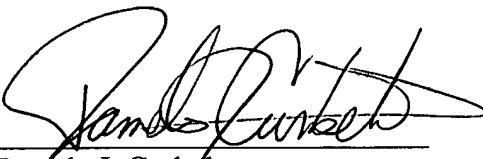
This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 19, 2002. The Examiner contends that: Group I, Claims 1-8, drawn to a product, classified in Class 502, subclass 300+; and Group II, Claims 9-14, drawn to a process of making the product, classified in Class 423, subclass 239.1. Pursuant to MPEP §§806.04, 806.05(c), 806.05(d), 808.01, and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I and II.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to Claims 9-14, Group II, including the right to file divisional applications thereon.

If there are any charges with respect to this Restriction Requirement, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831 maintained by Assignee.

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